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Classified By: CDA A.F. Godfrey for reasons 1.4 (b,d).

(S) CDA delivered ref A points to Deputy Foreign Minister Arman Kirakossian on March 7. Kirakossian said the GOAM has expressed, and would continue to express, its concern to the Iranian Government about its nuclear enrichment program. "We tell them we don't need a nuclear neighbor and they tell us the program is only for peaceful purposes," Kirakossian said. We underscored the evidence that Iran's program is not for peaceful purposes and urged the GOAM to voice its concern more publicly. The CDA reminded Kirakossian that the GOAM had committed to support UNSCR 1737 and needed to publicly join the international community in calling for Iran's full compliance with the resolution (ref B). GODFREY